

**Town of Stratford
Board of Selectboard Meeting
Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 PM
May 18, 2026**

Call to Order: 3:30PM by Harry Juergens

Selectmen present: Harry Juergens and Ron Scott, Jr, Charlie Goulet

Others present: Suzanne Goulet, Vanessa Toner, Maryann Lister, John McCarthy, Amber Rock

Rock: July 4th Committee/Event Planning: Discussion was held regarding the July 4th Parade and Community Event scheduled for 2:00 PM. Parade coordination, traffic control, permit requirements, and event activities including food, games, music, and inflatables were reviewed. The Board will continue coordinating with local organizations, emergency services, and insurance providers prior to final approvals. Trail Access and Landowner Relations: Discussion was held regarding temporary rerouting of the Old Mill Road trail due to landowner issues. The Board discussed signage, speed limits, and temporary access arrangements pending further review after July 19th. Coordination with Fish and Game and updated trail information will continue. Property Maintenance of Tax Deeded Land: Cleanup efforts on recently acquired property remain ongoing with trailers and debris continuing to be removed without significant issues reported.

Suzanne: Updates were provided on Potato Hill Bridge repairs, including completed work utilizing steel I-beams and support blocks with estimated costs. Future bridge funding opportunities through grants were discussed. Additional discussion was held regarding ongoing concerns with the Bog Bridge and future engineering review. Website Manager Position: The Board reviewed one application for the part-time website manager position and agreed to proceed with the hiring process.

Select Board:

Juergens: Discussion was held regarding possible accessibility improvements near the park stands and traffic safety concerns near the post office. The Board will coordinate with the Road Agent regarding costs, signage, and roadway improvements.

Scott: Fire Warden position was discussed and at this time motion moved forward with a decline letter. He will speak with the road agent regarding gravel placement.

Goulet: N/A

Manifest: H. Juergen / R. Scott, Jr. approved 2/0 to sign for 5/04/2026 and 05/11/2026.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Signed Documents: Motion to approve minutes for 5/4/2026, Intent to Cuts: Wheelock, Caron, Tilton. Lease Agreement/Smart. Timber Warrant/Quay

Reminders: N/A

Public Input: Mr. McCarthy raised questions regarding potential AI/data center development, water line replacement requirements, Old Mill Road grading, and Route 3 plowing concerns. The Board clarified there are currently no proposed AI/data center projects in town and reviewed state requirements regarding water line inventories and available loan programs. Road maintenance priorities and budget limitations were also discussed.

Non- Public: Entered non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c).@ 4:30PM Exited @ 4:35PM

Meeting Adjourned: 4:30PM

Minutes prepared by: V. Toner